

THE STATE OF Pennsylvania

Philadelphia County. } know all Men by these Presents, That We
 James Whitaker & Sarah Whitaker his wife of the county of Philadelphia
 State of Pennsylvania for divers good causes and considerations us hereunto
 moving, have this day nominated, constituted, and appointed, and do hereby constitute and appoint
 J. DeGardner ^{P. de Gardne} & J. DeGardner, and each of them Attorneys and Attorney in fact, to demand
 and receive of the Government of the State of Texas, all such certificates for lands as we
 may be entitled to under the laws of Texas, as heir of Francis Achury Whitaker M.D.
 who was a Surgeon in the Texan war of Independence, or to recover said certificates
 from any person whomsoever having possession of the same, if they have been issued heretofore:
 to locate said certificates, and to cause the lands so to be surveyed, and returns of said surveys to be
 made according to law, and to obtain patents for ~~the same~~ as heir as aforesaid for the same:
 Or if said certificates have been heretofore located and the lands surveyed and not patented, or
 if patents have been issued, then our Attorneys, or either of them, are hereby authorized to
 institute suit or suits in our names for the recovery of said lands, and in our names to sell
 and assign said certificates, or to sell and convey said lands as the case may be: And further,
 they, or either of them, are hereby fully empowered to do all and every act necessary to recover for
 us all such land certificates or other land titles and land, and also to demand, receive and
 receipt for all pay to which we may be entitled as heirs of the said Francis A. Whitaker
 (our son who died near the National Bridge on his way from the city of Mexico where he had been confined as a prisoner taken into the Texan way of independence to the city) as aforesaid, hereby ratifying all
 and every act of our said Attorneys and each of them in the premises as fully as if we
 were present and acting.

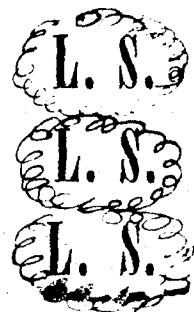
Given under our hands and seals (using — scrawls for seals) this the Twelfth
 day of July — A. D., 1855,

Stated & delivered in
 the presence of us -

Leonard Myers.

Myers.

James Whitaker
Sarah Whitaker



Given under our hands and seals this the Twelfth
 day of July A. D., 1855,
 Notary Public in the County of Philadelphia,
 State of Pennsylvania.